

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-6, 8-9, and 15.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Q² 7. (Amended) An isolated DNA molecule [of Claim 1 or a portion thereof,] that comprises an isolated DNA sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 2 which is labeled with a detectable moiety.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement including Form PTO-1449. Return of an initialed copy of the latter with the next communication is respectfully requested.

Overall Summary and Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7, 10-11, 13-14, and 16 set forth an invention that is new, useful, and unobvious, and which is therefore deserving of patent protection. Early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this application which may be required by this or any related paper to Deposit Account No. 05-0840.

If the Examiner has any questions, or would like to discuss any matters in connection with this application, she is invited to contact the undersigned at (317) 277-3537.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

1. Information Disclosure Statement Form PTO-1449
2. Clean Claim Set